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PATENT
CASE NO. 56/369

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:)
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Sebastian Tondorf et al.)
) Group Art Unit: 2856
Serial No.: 10/079,922)
) Examiner: unassigned
Filed: February 20, 2002)
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For: SECURING ARRANGEMENT)
FOR TRANSPORTING AND)
MOUNTING A MEASURING)
SYSTEM, AND SUCH A)
MEASURING SYSTEM)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
30 20 003	W. Germany	12/03/81
199 18 654	Germany	10/19/00

B. Pending Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH Patent Applications

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
09/548,478	Josef Muller et al.	04/13/00

II. DISCUSSION

A. West German Patent Reference No. 30 20 003

The pertinence of the '003 patent reference is discussed at page 3 of Applicants' specification. Based solely on the drawings and the attached English-language Abstract, the '003 patent reference appears to disclose a fixture for mounting a measuring device. The fixture appears to include graduated scale on a carrier and a pointer that is guided along the scale.

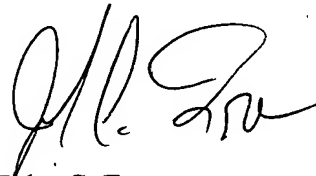
B. German Patent Reference No. 199 18 654

The pertinence of the '654 patent reference is discussed at pages 1-3, 8 and 9 of Applicants' specification. It is believed that the '654 reference corresponds to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/548,478, a copy of which is being attached hereto.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record. Applicants also invite the Examiner to review the above cited Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH patent application and the art cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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